# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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Survey on Good Country
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken note of survey conducted recently on the "Good Countries" of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of India in this survey; and

(c) whether India holds a worrisome position in the good country index, if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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(a) to (c) The "Good Country" concept and the 'Good Country Index' were developed by Simon Anholt, founder and Editor Emeritus of an academic journal about countries and their role in the world, wherein a 'Good Country' is defined as a country that contributes to the greater good of humanity. The Good Country Index tries to measure how much each country on earth contributes to the planet and to the human race, relative to its size (measured in GDP) using a wide range of data from the U.N. and other international organizations. The latest Good Country Index is for 2016, and includes 163 countries. The overall ranking is the mean rank score for the 7 category ranks namely contribution to Science & Technology; Culture; International Peace and Security; World Order; Planet and Climate; Prosperity and Equality and; Health and Wellbeing. As per the website 'goodcountry.org', India's position in the Good Country Index has improved from 81 in 2014 to 61 in 2016. The data used for these parameters may be subjective and hence cannot be commented upon.
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